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1. King 'Abdullah of Jordan recently summoned Prime Minister Samir Pasha Rifa'i and asked the latter what he had done about the repeated Israeli aggressions against Jordan. Rifa'i replied that Jordan should retaliate with like aggressions.

2. 'Abdullah then told Rifa'i that he should not forget that the Arab Legion is under British command and that the British "do not approve of fighting against the Jews." 'Abdullah said that in his opinion the way to solve the situation is to conclude a unilateral peace with Israel.

3. Rifa'i replied that he could not take such a dangerous step because public opinion in the Nablus and Tulkarm districts would be violently against the Government. Rifa'i told 'Abdullah that if the latter insisted on concluding a peace with the Israelis, he (Rifa'i) was ready to submit his resignation.

4. As a result of this conversation, a rumor spread through Jordan to the effect that Jewish aggressions were being committed with the consent of King 'Abdullah, as a plot to create justification for concluding peace.

25X1X 5. states that Sulayman Tuqan and Ahmad Shak'a, Nablus leaders, are waging open propaganda warfare against King 'Abdullah.

25X1X 6. asserts that Prince Tal'al knows and is annoyed by the fact that Glubb Pasha is placing observers to watch him (Prince Tal'al) closely. King 'Abdullah also knows of this action on the part of Glubb Pasha.

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